

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 37 – HB 839

February 17, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands eligibility requirements for Helping Heroes Grants to include current members of a reserve or Tennessee National Guard unit when the student has met all other eligibility requirements and was called into active military service of the United States. Removes the requirement that limits the number of Helping Heroes Grants to 375 per semester, while retaining the requirement that limits the total amount of lottery proceeds that can be expended for the grants to \$750,000 per year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

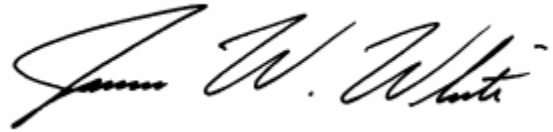
Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$310,800 per year. It is estimated that these additional recurring expenditures will cause the Helping Heroes Grants Program to become a fully utilized program that requires the maximum amount of funding authorized under current law, which is \$750,000 per year.

Assumptions:

- As of February 10, 2009, the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation projects that approximately \$439,200 will be expended from lottery proceeds on Helping Heroes Grants for FY08-09.
- The amount that would be expended under current law for Helping Heroes Grants in FY09-10 remains constant at \$439,200.
- Excess capacity for FY09-10 is estimated to be \$310,800 (\$750,000 - \$439,200 = \$310,800).
- Based on the information provided by TSAC, this bill will cause an increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds estimated to be \$310,800 per year beginning in FY09-10. Therefore, the Helping Heroes Grant Program will become a fully utilized program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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